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Attorney Docket No. 2005.16

First Inventor Todd Ames

Title See 1 in Addendum

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 21]  
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  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of (when there is an assignee)  Attorney
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING AN ABSORBENT COMPOSITE**

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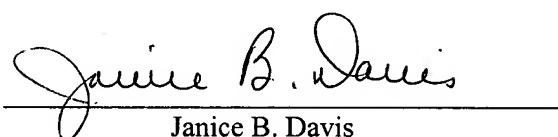
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## Addendum

### 1. METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING AN ABSORBENT COMPOSITE

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	
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First Named Inventor	Todd Ames
Examiner Name	
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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1002	330	2002	165
1003	520	2003	260
1004	750	2004	375
1005	160	2005	80
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Total Claims	18	-20** =	0	X	0
Independent Claims	2	-3** =	0	X	0
Multiple Dependent					

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)			
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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